# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:691
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2000
SANKHYA VAHINI PROJECT
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether there is any proposal to scrap Sankhya Vahini Project;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total investment made therein;

(d) whether Ministry of Information Technology has raised some objections for scrapping the above project;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for raising such objections;

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto; and (g) the present status of the project?

## Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 691 FOR 15TH MAY, REGARDING SANKHYA VAHINI PROJECT.

(a) to (f): There is no proposal to scrap Sankhya Vahini Project. So far no investment has been made on this project. Ministry of Information Technology asked for certain clarifications, mainly relating to :

i. Basis of selection of IUNet.

ii. Policy with regard to leasing of fibers

iii. Waiver of Custom Duty

iv. Share holding pattern and assets of IUNet

v. Extent of funding of IUNet by CMU

vi. Area of activity and experience of the Company

vii. Procedure to be followed by IUNet for identifying/selecting the supplier of the equipments etc.

These have been adequately addressed and explained to MIT. To the extent required these have also been built into the Draft JV Agreement.

(g) Although the Project has been approved by the Government in principle, the JV Agreement between the two main promoters is yet to be signed.